

each one can easily pay it. The Lord loves a cheerful giver.

Yours in Christ,

VENIA E. HAMMACK.

#### Communion Notice.

The Brethren of Pioneer will hold their communion services at Bathesda church, November 7. An invitation to all that can be with us.

D. M. RITTENHOUSE.

The Brethren at McLouth, Kan., expect to hold communion service Saturday evening, Oct. 30. All are invited to be with us.

MAGGIE KIMMEL, Sec.

### Our Dead.

CONKLE—Death's icy hand, whose touch we all so confidently expect and are so loath to receive, has been laid upon the brow of another of earth's mortals, and the lifeblood is chilled and the soul has taken its flight. So it is that this unseen reaper is wending his way thro our midst and here and there plucking one that is held near and dear to us.

Jennie Conkle, *nee* Hyatt, was born March 19, 1863, departed this life Sept. 24, 1897, aged 34 years, 3 months and 5 days. She was married to Leburg Conkle April 26, 1884, to whom she was ever a devoted wife, and to which union there were born two children, Ermah Mable and Irvin. These with her husband survive her. She united with the Brethren church Sept. 20, 1890, of which she was a faithful member until her Lord called her up higher. She suffered long but bore her suffering patiently. She was perfectly resigned to the will of God and left her earthly tabernacle in the full assurance of faith. The large concourse of friends that followed her remains to the final resting place gave evidence of the high esteem in which she was held. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, her pastor, from the text, "She hath done what she could." Mark 14:8. May God bless and comfort the bereaved.

H. M. OBERHOLTZER.

DEAMER.—Catharine, wife of Henry Deamer, deceased, died Oct. 4, aged 94 years. Funeral services Oct. 6, in Mt. Zion church, Stauffer, Pa., conducted by W. F. Murray, of Everson, Pa. Text, Rev. 14:13.

HULL.—Infant and only son of Harry and Sarah Ellen Hull, East Greensburg. Westmoreland county, Pa., died Oct. 4, aged 5 months and 26 days. Funeral

Oct. 6, conducted by W. F. Murray, Everson, Pa. Text, Matt. 19:14.

GRABLE.—Eli Grable died at his home near Bissell, Washington county, Pa., on the 5 of August 1897 aged 79 years, 4 months and 18 days. Funeral by J. M. Murray, assisted by F. B. McCullough. Interment in the Highland Brethren cemetery. He leaves behind a wife and five children all grown to manhood and womanhood.

J. B. GRABLE.

(Gospel Messenger please copy.)

RITTENHOUSE.—Daniel Rittenhouse was born December 19, 1855, died September 28, 1897, aged 41 years, 9 months and 21 days. He united with the German Baptist church when 16 years of age. He leaves a wife, daughter, father, mother, two sisters and many friends to mourn his departure. The Lord bless and comfort the bereaved ones.

W. A. WELTY.

SHOEMAKER.—Joseph H. Shoemaker was born in Armstrong Co., Penna., Sept. 6, 1813, removed with his parents to Wayne Co., Ohio in his childhood. Brother Joe, or grandpa, as we called him had the profession of saw milling, and he made various changes in residence living quite a while at Ashland, Ohio. From there he removed to Claypool, Ind., where he resided during the organization and growth of the Brethren church at that place and was one of its charter members and one of its earnest workers and has figured largely in making or rearing the church to what it is to-day as he was deeply interested in its welfare.

In 1872 he united with the German Baptists. When the division came in the church in 1882 he cast his lot with the Brethren and has always been an earnest advocate of the gospel-alone doctrine.

He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Newcomer Oct. 27, 1833. To this union were born 7 children, 4 sons and 3 daughters, all of whom survive him, his death being the first in the immediate family. What may have been the mistakes of brother Joe in early life we cannot say, but we have been personally acquainted with him for seven years and pastor of the church for three years, and am glad to say that he has left bright testimony behind him of his hope in eternity. In a social meeting on the day the church was dedicated he said he had prayed God to spare him until he could see the Brethren have a house of worship, and then he would be ready to go. "Now," said he, "it is done and I am ready to go." He and his beloved companion went to Han-

cock Co., Ohio, to stay with their youngest daughter, Sister Barnhart and her husband, where he quietly passed away, Sept. 30, 1897, aged 84 years and 24 days. Funeral services by the undersigned at the home of Brother and Sister Barnhart. Interment in the Findlay cemetery. Our sympathy goes out to our aged sister and the children in their bereavement. Fraternally,

D. A. HOPKINS.

### Matrimonial.

SHAULIS-EAKLE.—At the parsonage of the Enon Brethren church by the pastor, on Oct. 3, Mr. Henry E. Shaulis and Miss Minnie G. Eakle, both of Hudson, were united in marriage. Our best wishes go with them.

J. L. GILLIN.

PALMER-KISHLER.—A pleasant hour was spent on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., at the residence of Rev. S. C. Tussing, in New Lexington, Ohio, where several young people met to witness the marriage of Charles D. Palmer, an efficient clerk in the employ of T. E. Morehead & Co., and Laura M., the accomplished daughter of Geo. Kishler, on Mill street. Their many friends wish them every happiness.

GUMBERT-RINGLER.—Near Beachdale, Somerset county, Pa., Sunday eve, October 3, 1897, by the undersigned, Mr. George W. Gumbert, of Pine Hill, Pa., was married to sister Sallie Ringler, of Berlin, Pa.

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

AILER-WALLACE.—At the home of the bride in Tiosa, Indiana, October 3, 1897, Otis L. Ailer and Florence Wallace were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. May peace and prosperity attend them through life, is our prayer.

D. A. HOPKINS.

The fact that Christ has invited the heavy-laden to come to himself, makes it disloyalty for us to bear any burdens ourselves.

Low Excursion Rates to Chicago, Ill., via the Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

On October 13 the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will sell low rate excursion tickets to Chicago, Ill., for all regular trains. Tickets will be good for return until October 18, 1897.

Detailed information may be obtained upon application to nearest B. & O. Ticket Agent, or B. N. Austin, Gen'l Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.